

Amendment and Response

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13). The “electronic compass module” of Species B is akin to the “target compass module” of Species C. Finally, the “background compass module” of Species C is described in claim 13 in the context of the “processing module” that:

receives background magnetic field data from a background
compass module within the locator tool

Species B, in turn, includes a processing module that receives background magnetic field data and thus is akin to the “background compass module”. In light of these explanations, it is respectfully submitted that the Office Action has failed to identify requisite distinctness between Species B and C. Thus, withdrawal of the restriction between Species I.B and I.C is requested.

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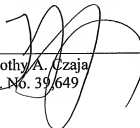
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